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TO AMEMBASSY ANKARA

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ANKARA, TEL AVIV, BEIRUT FOR RSOS, ATHENS FOR OIC/TSO,

E.O. 11652: GDS KARACHI FOR RSS FROM A/SY/T/SP

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SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF FULLY ARMORED VEHICLES

1. DEPARTMENT CURRENTLY PLANNING THE TRANSFER OF FULLY ARMORED VEHICLES FROM ANKARA AND TEL AVIV TO BEIRUT IN ORDER TO UPGRADE SECURITY MEASURES NEEDED IN BEIRUT. THE DEPARTMENT HAS AUTHORIZED THE PURCHASE OF TWO FULLY ARMORED VEHICLES TO REPLACE THE TRANSFERRED VEHICLES. CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE COMPLETED THIS WEEK AND THE NEW VEHICLES WILL BE DELIVERED TO THE SY GARAGE FACILITY FOR TIRE MODIFICATIONS PRIOR TO ONWARD SHIPMENT. ACTUAL TRANS-
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FER OF VEHICLES IS TO TAKE PLACE AFTER ARRIVAL ON POST OF

REPLACEMENT UNITS.

2. REPLACEMENT UNITS ARE 1975 FORD, LTD BROUGHAM, 4 DOOR
HARDTOPS WITH 460 CIB V-8 ENGINES, 4 BBL CARB, AUTO TRANS-
MISSION AND AIR CONDITIONING. VEHICLE BODY ARMOR DESIGNED
TO DEFEAT UP TO 30-06 CAL. AMMUNITION WITH A VELOCITY OF
2410 FPS. TRANSPARENT ARMOR DESIGNED TO DEFEAT UP TO .30
CAL. CARBINE AMMUNITION WITH A VELOCITY OF 1900 FPS.

3. PLEASE ADVISE SY OF MOST EXPEDIENT MEANS AND METHODS
OF TRANSFERRING 1971 CHEVROLET IMPALAS TO BEIRUT.

4. FOR ATHENS; PLEASE EXPLORE POSSIBLE SOURCES OF LOCALLY
PROCURABLE FORD PARTS IN ANTICIPATION OF FUTURE NEEDS.
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